

AN ACT

relating to requiring certain school districts to allow students who participate in Special Olympics to earn a letter on that basis.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 33, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 33.093 to read as follows:

Sec. 33.093. RECOGNITION OF PARTICIPATION IN SPECIAL OLYMPICS. If a school district allows high school students to earn a letter for academic, athletic, or extracurricular achievements, the district must allow high school students in the district to earn a letter on the basis of a student's participation in a Special Olympics event.

SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2017-2018 school year.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1645 was passed by the House on May 4, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1645 was passed by the Senate on May 19, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor